

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 to 6 and 8 are cancelled and claim 7 is amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 to 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A rolling-lobe air spring comprising:

a cover;

a roll-off piston;

5 a rolling-lobe flexible member having a first end portion connected to said cover and a second end portion connected to said roll-off piston;

a support bell supporting said rolling-lobe flexible member at said first end portion and being rigidly connected to said cover; and,

10 said support bell ~~has~~ having an open end facing away from said cover and toward said roll-off piston and said support bell further having a cylindrical cross section adjacent said cover and said support bell being configured to expand elliptically in cross section toward said open end thereof in the manner of an
15 oval-shaped funnel.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) A rolling-lobe air spring comprising:

a cover;

a roll-off piston;

5 a rolling-lobe flexible member having a first end portion connected to said cover and a second end portion connected to said roll-off piston;

a support bell supporting said rolling-lobe flexible member at said first end portion and being rigidly connected to said
10 cover;

said rolling-lobe flexible member having a maximum diameter; and, said support bell being disposed outside of said rolling-lobe flexible member and extending from said first end portion over the upper region of said rolling-lobe flexible
15 member up to approximately said maximum diameter;

said support bell having a throat region adjacent said cover; said first end portion of said rolling-lobe flexible member including an end segment at said throat region; a support ring being disposed inside of said rolling-lobe flexible member
20 at the elevation of said throat region; and,

said throat region being pressed against said end segment and said support ring to securely fasten said rolling-lobe flexible member at said first end portion thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 9, wherein said cover is attached via a joint to a vehicle body and said roll-off piston is attached to a wheel connecting

rod.

11. (Previously Presented) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 9, wherein said cover is attached to a wheel connecting rod and said roll-off piston is attached via a joint to a vehicle body.